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SUBJECT: TWENTIETH IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEM RE PLO

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1. MISOFF HAS DISCUSSED WITH BRUYNS, FIRST SECRETARY OF NETHERLANDS MISSION, OUTLOOK FOR EC ATTITUDES TOWARD INVITATION TO PLO TO ATTEND SESSIONS OF IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE AS OBSERVER. NETHERLANDS IS CURRENTLY "COORDINATOR" FOR EC. AMBASSADOR BOT HAS REACHED MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE AND WILL RETIRE IN AUGUST BUT, SINCE HE IS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS, WILL ATTEND SEPTEMBER GENERAL CONFERENCE IN RIO.

2. BRUYNS WAS CONFIDENT THAT GON SHARES OUR CONCERN RE EFFECT OF INTRUSION OF IRRELEVANT POLITICAL FACTORS, SUCH AS INVITATION TO PLO, INTO ESSENTIAL SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF IAEA. NEVERTHELESS, HE FORESAW THAT HIS GENERAL CONFERENCE DEL'S INSTRUCTIONS WOULD
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LIKELY BE SAME AS THAT AT 1975 GENERAL CONFERENCE, I.E.,

TO ABSTAIN, IF ISSUE COMES TO VOTE. HE EXPLAINED THAT 1975 INSTRUCTION REFLECTED OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY GON AT THAT TIME TO MAINTENANCE OF "UNIFIED" POSITION BY ALL EC MEMBERS AND THAT LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR WAS THAT OF FRENCH. HE STATED THAT POSITIONS OF FRG, DENMARK, BELGIUM, IRELAND AND PROBABLY ITALY WERE SAME AS NETHERLANDS AND THAT, IF ACTING INDIVIDUALLY, EACH WOULD OPPOSE PLO INVITATION. UNLESS FRENCH POSITION COULD BE CHANGED, HOWEVER, HE FORESAW THAT ALL EC MEMBERS WOULD ABSTAIN IF PLO INVITATION CAME TO VOTE.

3. WHEN ASKED WHETHER FRENCH GOVERNOR GOLDSCHMIDT, SENIOR STATESMAN OF IAEA, MIGHT INFLUENCE HIS GOVERNMENT TO MAKE EXCEPTION FOR IAEA, BRUYNS WAS POSSIMISTIC, SAYING THAT QUAI D'ORSAY WOULD ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS BASED UPON GENERAL FRENCH POLICY. STONE

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